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Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2003 as provided for by 37 CFR § 1.136(a). The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17 for a three-month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 950.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

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